Learning and Teaching Consultations

Learning and teaching consultations provide an opportunity for you to discuss topics related to learning and teaching with a specialist at the Center for Educational Effectiveness (CEE). For example, a CEE Specialist can help you design or redesign a course, create a syllabus and student learning outcomes, develop assessments and rubrics, explore effective hybrid and online teaching practices, and integrate inclusive teaching practices.

Consultations for graduate students and postdoctoral scholars are conducted by the Teaching Assistant Consulting Fellows (TAC Fellows) and cover teaching and learning topics commonly encountered by Graduate Student Instructors (GSIs), Teaching Assistants (TAs) and Associate Instructors (AIs).

All consultations are free and confidential.

Below are additional types of consultations CEE provides for specific learning and teaching interests.

Mid-Quarter Inquiries

Mid-Quarter Inquiries (MQIs) provide formative student feedback that you can use to modify a course you are currently teaching. Instructors commonly find that MQIs can help enhance teaching methods, promote greater participation, and improve instructor-student rapport.

Classroom Observations

Classroom observations can help increase your teaching effectiveness by providing feedback in areas such as the use of classroom activities, use of time and space, and methods for facilitating learning for all students.

Video Recording (Graduate students and postdoctoral scholars only)

A video consultation can help you analyze your teaching and reflect on your students’ learning experience. Our TAC Fellows’ collegial and helpful consultation style makes the process easy and useful.

Teaching Philosophy (Graduate students and postdoctoral scholars only)

Articulating your teaching philosophy is useful to guide your teaching practice, to communicate how you teach, and to prepare for the academic job market. Work with a TAC Fellow to develop or refine your written Statement of Teaching Philosophy as a key part of career development.

For more information on the above programs, please visit the CEE website or e-mail cee@ucdavis.edu.